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properly constructed, it is because he is ignorant of the process, incompetent to make the work, or s nawfliling to pay for the patent. 10 000 PEACH TREES.

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TO ALL THAT VALUE THEIR SIGHT TOBIAS.

WISHES TO CALL THE ATTENTION to all that suffer with defective sight, caused by age, sickness, and particularly from glasses injudiciously selected, to his superior PECTACLES and GLASSES carefully ground by himself to a true spherical accuracy, and brilliant transparency, suited precisely and beneficially to the wearer according to the concavity or convexity of the eye. Very numerous are the ill effects caused to the precious organ of sight from the commencement of using glasses in not being precisely suited, by the use of an Optometer; and the practice of many years enables him to measure the focal disease of the eyes, and such glass es that are absolately required will be furnished with precision and satisfaction

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Innumerable testimonials to be seen; and references given to many who have derived the greatest ease and comfort from his glasses. Circulars to be had gratis, at his office, No. 512 SEVENTH STREET, three doors from Odd Fellows' Hall, UP STAIRS.

NORFOLE, September 7, 1854. Sir—The Spectacles you made for me suit very well, and seem to have improved my sight more than any other I have lately tried.

LITT. W. TAZEWELL.

I have tried a pair of Spectacles obtained from Mr. Tobias, and find them of great assistance to my sight, and corresponding with his description of the focus. I recommend him as a skillful op-HENRY A. WISE.

Having been induced by a friend to visitthe establishment of Mr. Tobias for the purpose of try-ing his glasses, I was furnished by him with a pair slightly colored blue, which have afforded me more relief and gratification than any I have ever tried. My sight, originally very good, was injured by writing and reading at night, frequently to a very late hour; but with the aid of these glasses I can study almost as late as ever, and that too without the pain I have previously JOHN WILSON,

Late Commissioner Gen'l Land Office. December 11, 1855. I have used Mr. Tobias's Spectacies for threa

er four months, and take great pleasure in saybeen much benefitted by them. May 5th, 1866. GEOR. P. SCARBURGE.

I was recommended to Mr. John Tobias as a skillful optician; and as I have eyes of remarkable peculiarity, I was gratified to find that Mr. Tobias seemed to comprehend them by inspec-tion and some slight measurement, and he has made me a pair of Spectacles that suits me ad-A. P. BUTLER. July 11, 1856.

WILMINSTON, N. C., Jan. 27, 1854 Mr. J. TeBIAs: Dear Sir-I am happy to say that the Spectacles which I obtained from you last week are entirely safisfactory. From an inequality in the visual range of my eyes, I have hereto-found great difficulty in getting glasses of the proper focal distance. It affords me pleasure to state that, by the aid of your optometer, this difficulty has been happily obviated so that the glasses you furnished me are decidedly the best adapted

to my eyes of any I have ever yet used.

Very respectfully, yours, R. B. DRANE,

Rector of St. James' Parish. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, May 7, 1855. From natural defects and the unequal range of my eyes, I have been compelled to use glasses for several years. I have tried different opticians without obtaining glasses perfectly fitted to my eyes. Four months since Mr. Tobias made two pairs especially for me, which I have found to serve me perfectly. By the use of his optometer he is enabled to adapt Glasses minutely to the eye. most cheerfully recommend Mr. Tobias to all

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#### OFFICIAL.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Nov. 29, 1856. Notice is hereby given to holders of stock of the oans of the United States, that this department will purchase the same until the 3d of March next, unless the sum of \$1,500 000 shall be previously obtained, and will pay in addition to the interest accrued from the date of the last semi-annual dividend of interest thereon, together with one day's additional interest for the money to reach the vendor, the following rates of premium on said stocks: For the stock of 1842, a premium of 10 per cent.

For the stock of 1817 and 1848, a premium of 16 per cent; and for the stock of 1850, commonly called Texas Indemnity Stock, a premium of 6 per

Certificates of stock transmitted to the department, under this notice, must be assigned to the United States, by the party duly entitled to receive the proceeds. It sent between date hereof and the lst day of January next, the current half year's in terest must be assigned by the present stockholder, or it will be payable as heretofore, and a corresponding deduction be made from the amount payable for the stock.

Payment for the stocks so assigned and transmitted will be made by drafts on the Assistant Treasurers at Boston, New York, or Philadelphia, at the option of the parties entitled to receive the money, which should be expressed in the letters accompanying the certificates. JAMES GUTHRIE,

Secretary of the Treasury. dee 1-dt3dMarcht

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change will be discounted, and Loans made on

be furnished, negotiable in the different Cities of the United States, on Deposit of Money or Collaterals, and interest allowed if Money is deposited. and charged if Collaterals, on such terms as may | Proposals for Erecting the Custom-House, be agreed upon. TRAVELING BILLS OF EXCHANGE.-Travelers

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rope, furnished at the market rate for Exchange. sums to suit. Bonds, Stocks, &c .- Bonds, Stocks, and Se curities paying from 6 to 12 \$\pi\$ cent , always for sale, or bought in the different Cities at a commission of a & P cent. Where Stocks are bought upon orders, we reserve the right to call for a deposit of 10 " cent. on the cost. Bonds or Stocks

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At the Old Stand, under Dexter's Hotel, sign of the Red Flag J. PHILBRICK, Agent. jan 8-tf

Proposals for Coloring quarto plates of Fishes and Shells.

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC PRINTING. ? WASHINGTON, February 3, 1857. DROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT this office until the 13th instant, at 12 o'clock,

m , for Coloring, by hand, in the highest tyle of the art, for the use of the Senate of the Un.ted States, 6,400 copies each, of tweive quarto plates of "Fishels and Shells," to illustrate the 2d volume of Commodore Perry's Expedition to Japan. The plates are already engraved on copper and printed in black, and will be furnished by this mice Bidders will state the price for coloring each one hundred copies, which must be fac simi. lies of the originals

The original drawings can be seen at this office until the morning of the day for closing the bids. A contract will be entered into with, and bonds required from, the successful bidder for the faith-ful execution of the same. Proposals must be addressed to A. 6 Seaman,

Superintendent of Public Printing Washington, D. C., and endorsed "Proposals for coloring A G. SEAMAN. quarto plates " Enperintendent. feb 4-eodt I

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WOOLEN GOODS AT COST .- DETER-mined not to carry over to the spring, any of our Woolen Goods, we shall commence this day, closing them off at cost Our stock is worth your attention. H. J McLAUGHLIN & CO. jan 22 20, bet 8th and 9th streets,

# Proposals for Erecting the Marine Hospital EVENING STAR.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, December 27, 1856. DROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THIS department until the 25th day of February, A D 1857, a 12 o'clock, noon, for the construction of the Marine Hospital authorized to be erected at St. Marks, Florida, according to the plans and specifi ations prepared at this department; said proposals to be either for the whole building or separate for the different kinds of work; bills of parcels must in every case accompany each bid; with the amount of each kind of work, and the total amount carried out; the department reserving the right to reject or accept the proposals hereby invited, or any parts thereof, when it deems the interest of the United States requires it; the department also reserves the right to exclude the b d of any person or persons who there is just cause to believe will not aithfully perform the contract, or which they have attempted to obtain by indirection; and all bids when there shall e par ties interested who do not join in the bids, and all birs that, upon investigation, are below a fair price for the work.

Bids will not be received in gross, and no contract will be awarded to a bidder unless details are tuc nished the department of the prices of the different kinds of work and materials, which shall be subject to the revision of the department, so that it may adopt the whole or part of the bid, as the interest of the United States may requi e.

Ninety per cent. of the amount of work done and materials delivered, according to contract price, (said am sunt to be ascertained by the estimate of an agent of hedepartment, appointed for that purpose,) will be paid from time to ime, as the work progres es, and ten per cent. retained until the completion of the contract, and acceptance of the work, &c., by the agent aforesaid, and be forfeited in the event of non-ulfilmant of contract

Con'racts will be awarded only to master builders and machanics, and the a-signment thereof, except by consent of the Secretary of the Treasury, will be

a forfeiture of the same. Each proposal must be accompanied by a written arantee, signed by two responsible persons, (cer fified to be so by the United States district judge or attorns y of the said district,) in the sum of \$5,000 for the whole work, or of a prop rtionate amount, if for any part, that the bidder will, when required, if his proposal be accepted, enter into a contract and bond, with proper and sufficient securities for us faithful

Form of bond and certificate required will be furnished on application to the department. Plans, specifications, and working drawings can e had on a plication to the department. No bid will be considered unless it fully complies in all its details with the requirements of this advertise

The proposals must be sent to this department. addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and Stocks, Bonds, and Securities, at the market | plainly endorsed " Proposals for the Marine Hospital at St. Marks, Fla," and will be opened at one o'clock. JAMES GUTHRIE. dec 29-3tawtFeb25; Secretary of the Treasury

## &c., at Plattsburgh, New York.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT. WASHINGTON, December 10,1856

DROPOSALS WILL BE REceived at this department until the 18th day of February, A. D. 1857, at 12 o'clock noon, for the construction of the custom-house, post office, and court-rooms authorized to be erected at Plattsburgh, N Y., according to the plans and specifications prepared at this department; said proposals to be either for the whole building, or separrate for the different kinds of work; bills of parcels must in every case accompany each bid with the amount of each kind of work, and the total amount carried out; the department reserving the right to reject or 'accept the proposals hereby invited, or any parts thereof, when it deems the interest of the United States requires it; the department also reserves the right to exclude the bids of any person or persons whom there is just cause to believe will not faithfully perform the contracts, or which they have aftempted to obtain by indirection; and all bids when there shall be parties in interest who do not join in the bids, and all bids that, upon investigation, are below a fair price for the

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ten guarantee, signed by two responsible persons, (certified to be so by the United States district judge or attorney of the said district.) in the sum of \$5,000, for the whole work, or of a proportionate amount, if for any part that the bidder will, when required, if his proposal be accepted, enter into a contract and bond, with proper and sufficient securities for its faithful performance. Form of bond and certificate required will be furnished on application to the department.

Plans, specifications, and working drawings will be ready by the 12th of January, when they can be had on application to the department No bid will be considered unless it ful y complies in all its detalls with the requirements of this advertisement.

The proposals must be sent to this department addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, and plainly endorsed "Proposals for the Plattsburgh Custom-house," and will be opened at one 'clock, p m., of the last day named for receiv-JAMES GUTHRIE, inn the same. dec 13 3awt18Feb Secretary of the Treasury

Proposals for Furnishing Marble and Mar ble Work for the North Front of the Patent Office Building.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR )

December 18, 1856. SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at this Department until the eighteenth day of February next, 12 o'clock at no n. for furnishing such Marble and Marb'e Work at may be required in the erection of the north front of the Patent Office building.

The bids must be in the form of the following schedule, and clearly specifying the prices for ma was enuff for cousin Pete any time, so I jest terial, hauling dressing, and setting, including all let her go ahead. Well, she tuck the bomi the machinery and of responses

Schedule Cube stone, per superficial foot Beds and bills, do do Extra cube stone, per cubic foot Cornice in two beds, per superficial foot Blocking course, do Frieze to entabature, do Arckitrave, do do Drops to cornice, per lineal foot, Triglyphs, each, Caps of pilasters, each, Channels of basement, per lineal foot, Marble tiling, per superficial foot,

Window sills, do do
The marble must be similar in kind and quality that used in the construction of the east and west wings of the building, specimens of which will be required to accompany the bids.

Each bid will state in what tim- the work will be completed, and none will be considered from others than those known to be of the trade and believed to be fully competent to fulfil in good faith the obligations they propose to assume; and no assignment of bid or centract will be recognised, unless made with the approval of the head of the Department. Ninety per cent. will be paid from time to time, a

the work progresses, upon the estimate of the agent of the Department in charge thereof, and ten per cent. reserved until the completion of the contract and acceptance of the work by said agent. The Department reserves to itself the right to reject or accept the proposals hereby invited, when it deems the interest of the United States requires it, as well as to exclude the bids of any person or persons who it has good reason to believe will not, from any cause, faithfully perform the contract.

Plans, specifications, and working drawings can be examined, and other information obtained, on application at the office of the superintendent The proporals, which must be sent to this department, addressed to the Secreta y of the Interior.

R McCLELLAND, ceiving the same. dec 19-2awt18 Febt Secretary of the Interior. ORANGE AND ALEXANDRIA RAILjan 32-2aw1m

endorsed "Proposals for the erection of the north

at 1 o'clock, p. m , of the last day named for re-

MAJOR JOS. JONES' WEDDING [From " Major Jones' Courtship."]

PINESVILLE, Feb 2, 18 -. To Mr. Thompson-Dear Sir : Ever sense I writ my last letter to you things is gone on just as strait as a shingle, and the only thing that troubles me is, I'm fraid it's all too good to last. It's always been the way with me ever sense I can remember, whenever I'm the happyest, sumthing seems to turn up jest to upset all my calculations. and now, though the day is sot for the weddin, and the Stal lionses is getting everything reddy as fast as they can, I wouldn't be sprised much if some bominable thing was to happen, some yearthquake or something jest bust it all up agin, though I should hate it monstrous.

Old Miss Stallions red that piece in the Mis cellany bout the mistake in parson Miller's figers, and I do believe she's as glad bout it as if she was sure she would live a whole thousand years more herself. She ses she haint got no objections to the weddin now, for me and Mary will have plenty of time to make a fortin for our children and raise 'em up as they ought to be. She ses she always wondered how Mr. Miller could cifer the thing out so straight to the very day, without a single mistake, but now he's made sich a terrible blunder of a whole thousand years, she ses she knows he aint no smarter nor other people, if

he was raised at the north. It's realty surprisin how mazin popular it does make a body to be engaged to be married to a butiful young lady Sense the thing's leaked out, every body's my tickler friend, and I cant meet nobody wherever I go, but what wants to gratilate me on my good fortin, cept cousin Pete and two or three other fellers, who look sort o' like they wanted to laugh and couldn't. Almost every night Mary and me is invited to a party Tother night we went to one to old Squire Rogerses, whar I got my dander up a little the worst I've had it for some time. I don't believe you've ever hearn of jest sich a fool trick as they played on me. Ther was a good many thar, and as the Squire dont allow dancin, they all played games and tricks, and such foolishness, to pass away the time, which to my notion's bominale site worse than dancin.

Cousin Pete was there splurging bout in his big whiskers, and tried to take the shine off of everybody else, jest as he always dose. Well, sowin something mighty fine and makin up finery. Mary was bimeby he ses, "Spose we play brother Bob-let's play

"Who's brother Bob?" ses I, for I did'nt know nothing bout it, and that's the way I cum be so bominably tuck in. "I tell you," ses he, "you and somebody else must set down in the chairs and be blindfolded, and the rest must all walk round and round you, and keep tapping you on the head

"Yes, lets play that," ses all of em, "wont

with semethin, till you guess who bobbed

you be brother Bob, Major?"

brother Bob.

"But how bob me?" ses I. "Why," ses I, "when any one taps you, you must say, brother I'm bobbed! and then they'll ax who bobbed you? and if you guess the rite one, then they must take your place and be bobbed till they guess who bobbed 'em. If you'll be blindfolded, I will," ses he, "jest for fun.

"Well," ses I, "anything for fun;" and Cousin Pete sot out two chairs into the middle of the room, and we sot down, and they tied a handkercher round my eyes as tight as the mischief, so I couldn't see to guess no more'n if I had no eye at all

"I hadn't sot no time fore cawhalux some one tuk me rite side o' the head with a drated big book The fire flew out o' my eyes in lig live coals, and I like to keeled over out o' the chair I felt my blood risin' like a mill-tail, but they all laughed mightily at the fun, and after a while ses 1. 'Brother, I'm bobbed Who bobbed you?' ses they I guessed the biggest-fisted feller in the room, but it wasn't him The next minnit spang went the book agin Cousin Pete's head. 'Whew!' ses he. Brother, I'm bobbed!' But Cousin Pete didn't guess rite, nuther, and the fust thing I ful anxious to guess rite, but it was no use; I missed it every time, and so did Cousin Pete: and the harder they hit the harder they laughed One time they hit me a great deal easier than the rest 'Brother, I'm bobbed! ses I. 'Who bobbed you?' ses they. "Miss Mary Sheldon,' ses I. 'No, I never,' ses she, and they all roared out worse than ever.

"I begun to git monstrous tired of sich fun. which seemed so much like the frogs in the spellin' book-for it was deth to me-and I don't know what I would have done if Mary hadn't come up and ontied the handkercher. " Let's play something else,' ses she; and her face was red as fire, and she looked sort

o' mad out of her eyes. "I seed ther was something wrong in a min-

"Well, they all went on playin' 'pawns and 'pon honor,' and 'here we go round the gooseberry bush,' and 'O, sister Feby, how merry we be,' and sich nonsense, till they played all they knowed; and when they was playin' Mary told me how Cousin Pete bob'd me himself.

It was the most oudacious takein I ever heard of. Do you think he didn't set rite down beside me and never blindfolded himself, and hit me every lick himself, now and then hittin' his knee with the book to make me b'lieve he was bob'd too! My hed was a singin' with the licks when she told me how he done me, and I do believe if it hadn't ben for her 1'd gin cousin Pete sich a lickin rite thar in that room as he never had afore in his born days. Blazes! but I was mad at fust. But Mary begged me not to raise no fus about it, now it was all over, and she would fix him for his smartness. I hadn't no sort of a ide how she was gwine to do it, but I knowed she ble fool off to one side and whispered to him like she was gwine to let him into the secret She told him bout a new play what she learned down to Macon when she was at the college, called "Introduction to the King and Queen," what she said was a grate deal funnver than "Brother Bob." and swaded him to help to git 'em all to play.

After she and him made it all up, cousin Pete put out three chairs close together in a ree for a throne, and Mary she put a sheet over 'em to make 'em look a little grand. Bill Byers was to be King and Mary was to be the Queen.

"Now you must all come in tother room," ses cousin Pete, "only them what belongs to the court, and then you must be introduced. one at a time " "I aint gwine," ses Tom Stallions, for there's some trick in it."

"No there aint," ses cous n Pete, "I'll give you my word there aint no trick, only a little fun. "Well," ses I, "I's had fun enough for one nite." Mary looked at me and kind o' winked, and

Major, "but jest go out till the court is sumensed before the throne." Well we all went out, and bimeby Bill Byers called out lords and ladys what belonged to the court, and we all went in and tuck

chairs on both sides of the throne

ses she, "you're one of the court you know,

Cousin Pete was to be the first one interduced, and Samuwel Rogers was to be the feller who introduced the company. Well, bimeby the dore opened, in come cousin Pete, front of the Patent Office building,") will be opened | bowin and scrapin, and twistin and rigglein and puttin on more ares nor a French dancis master-he beat Crotchett all to smash The on tother, leavin room in the middle for some to recommend them for gentlemen's profane one else. Sam was so full of laugh at cousin | warmth, there is nothing to be bought, ready-Pete's anticks that he couldn't hardly speak. I made, that will so well answer your purpose.

"Doctor Peter Jones," ses he, "I interduce you to their Majestys the King and Queen."

Cousin Pete got up and bowed and scraped a few more times, and went to sit down between 'em, but they ris up jest as he went to set down; and the first thing he knowed, kerslosh he went, rite into a big tub of cold water, with nothing but his hed and heels stickin out.

that they all left the dore open, and when the thing tuck place they all run in shoutin and laughin like they would bust their sides.

never seed a feller so wilted down in all my life. He got as mad as a hornet, and sed it was a mean trick to serve enny body so, specislly in cold weather. And he went rite off

was in tother room. Pete didn't spicion the trick was gwine to turn out that way; he thought the queen was gwine to sentence every feller what didn't kiss her as he sot down, to do something that would make fun for the rest, and he was jest gwine to open the game. I felt perfectly satisfied after that, and I don't think cousin Pete will be quite so fond of funny tricks the next time

But I like to forgot to tell you, my weddin is to take place - providin ther ain't no more yearthquakes nor unaccountable things to prevent-on the 22d of this month, which you know is a famous day what ought to be celecouldn't grudge the ride jest to see Miss Mary Jones what is to be. We's gwine to have a

Your friend till deth, Jos. JONES. biggest, and with his dandy cut trowsers and all, and they was as bissy as bees in a tar bar-P. S -I went over tother nite to see 'em sowin something mighty fine and white with ruffles and jigamarees all round it. "What kind of a thing is that?" ses I. The gals looked at one another and laughed like they would die, and my poor little Mary (bless her soul) kept gatherin it up in a heap and blushin dredful "Tell him, Sis," ses Miss Caroline, but Mary looked rite down and didn't say nothin. "I'll tell him," ses Kesiah. "it's a \_\_\_\_.'' "No, you shant now-stop, stop," ses Mary, and she put her pretty little hand rite on Miss Kesiah's mouth, and looked like. she'd cry for a little. I felt so sorry for her, I told 'em I didn't want to know, and they put the things away, and bimeby I went home, but I kept thinkin all the way what upon yearth it could be. I spose I'll find out some

> KILLED HIS MAN .- A letter in Porter's Spirit of the Times, from La Grange, Georgia,

the waggish proprietor of the Atlanta Hotel,

"Sir, you have been treading upon dangerous ground, sir; that man is not to be tampered with, sir; do you know, sir, that he has killed his man, sir?"

Jove! sir, let me inform you that I have practiced medicine for twenty years, and you mustn't attempt to frighten me with a chap

WASHINGTON AS A FIREMAN. - We take from the Alexandria Gazette the following interesting reminiscence of Alexandria sixty years

"About sixty years ago, the house at the northwest corner of King and Royal streets, which was burned on Tuesday morning last, caught fire, at the northeast end, on Royal street. General Washington was just riding into town at the time; he dismounted, gave his horse to his servant, and got upon an engine near the fire, on Royal street, and worked like a working man, as he was when he had work to do. The engine is said to be the Old Friendship, which was then kept in a small house at the mouth of Sharpshin Alley, and the nearest one to the fire The Friendship Company were at the fire of the 3d inst , when the old house was destroyed; but their old engine-the one on which Washington workedwas not there; it was sold, it is said, into the country, some years ago. If so, the present owners ought to prize it highly, and when called on to use it, remember who set them the example of a good fireman. The old house, sixty years ago, was a tavern, and belonged to William McKnight, an old revolutionary soldier. A venerable gentleman, his son, lately deceased, is the author of the above reminiscence, and saw the occurrence himself."

YEARLY FOOD OF ONE MAN .- From the army and navy diet scales of France and England which, of course, are based upon the recognised necessities of a large number of men in active life, it is inferred that about two and one fourth pounds avoirdupois of dry food, per day, are required for each individual; of this about three-fourths are vegetable; and the rest animal. At the close of an entire year, the amount is upwards of 800 pounds. Enumerating under the title of water all the various drinks (coffee, tea, alcohol, wine, &c ) its estimated quantity is about 15,000 pounds per annum. That is for the air received by breathing may be taken at 800 pounds. With these figures before us, says the Medical World, we are able to see how the case stands. The food, water and air which a man receives, amount, in the aggregate, to more than 3000 pounds a year; that is to about a ton and a half, or more than twenty times his weight. This enormous quantity may well attract our attention to the expenditure of material required for supporting life. A living being is the result and representation of change on a prodigious scale.

A NEW ARTICLE.—In his last letter from Idlewild, N. P. Willis. Esq., like a "perfect wretch," makes mention of a fact, concerning which he should have been confidential, as follows:

The main objection you urge against riding on horseback in the winter, (cold legs.) has been somewhat lessened, of late, by a result of the present fashion of ladies' petticoatsthe difficulty of warming those vast apartments in which Beauty principally resides, having necessitated a contrivance of separate temperature for their two almost unenclosed suppositions. This new article for ladies' wear is a very thick stockinet leggin; and, King sot one side of the throne and the Queen | encroachment on woman's rights though it be

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Cousin Pete scraped about a while and then dropt on one knee, rite afore 'em. "Rise gallant knight," ses Bill Byers; "rise, we dub you knight of the royal bath."

He tried to kiss Mary as he was takin his eat, and if you could jest seed him as he went into that tub of water with his arms reached ut to her, and his mouth sot for a kiss, I do believe you'd laughed more'n you ever did afore in your life. The fellers was all so spi-cious that some trick was gwine to be played

Pele get out as quick as he could, and I

home by himself to dress. Mary made the niggers take out the middle chair and put the tub of water thar when we

brated by every gene wine patriot in the world. I shall look for you to come, and I hope you will be sure to be thar, for I know you considerable getherin, jest to please the old folks, and old Miss Stallions ses she's a gwine to give us a real Georgia weddin of the old time fashion No more from

You have doubtless heard of Dr. Thompson,

in Atlanta, in this State. Well, once upon a time, two gentlemen (the one decidedly under the influence of a spiritual presence, and the other approximating the same condition) stopped at the Doctor's Hotel. In consequence of some extraordinary manifestations on the part of the "tightest" gent, he soon found himself "nigh unto a muss" with the Doctor. His friend, however, carried him off before matters reached a crisis. After stowing him away, the friend returned, and accosting the proprietor, said very emphatically:

"Killed his man!" says Thompson, with a voice like a thunder clap, and a most intense expression of contempt upon his phiz: "By

that has only killed his man Bah! sir, it wont begin to do " The fellow "collapsed," and forthwith settled his bill